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this information has been maintained on paper maps and records. Technological advances, the call for increased government efficiency, and the needs of specific applications involving this information, are all contributing to an increasing trend toward computerization of land record management. A map projection is used to portray all or part of the round earth on a flat surface. Now mapmakers and mathematicians have devised almost limitless ways to project the image of the globe on to paper. This amendment, again formerly (LB) 483, creates an act to describe, define and officially adopt a system of plane coordinates for the designating of geographic position of points on the surface of the earth within the state of Nebraska, which have been established by the National Ocean Surface/National Geodetic Survey, and shall be designated as the Nebraska Plane Coordinate System. I want to emphasize that this will not mandate any entity to use the Nebraska Plane Coordinate System in place of another available coordinate system. It will, however, place into statute a clear definition of this commonly used coordinate. This will remove the possibility of ambiguity when a public or private entity chooses to refer to the use of this coordinate system in contracts, regulations or interagency agreements. There is no fiscal impact of this bill. This bill was introduced into Government. It has nothing to do with the structure of 924 as proposed in...with the NITC, but it does apply within the statute when it comes to the GIS system. I would urge the adoption. It's something that will help counties and state government and surveyors to have a point of reference in looking at the different types of maps so they will have something in common, recognizing they're using the same system. And it would be very beneficial to the state and to the state surveyor if we pass this particular amendment. And I would hope for your support.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I stand to support the Hillman amendment. We are...we heard this bill in Government Committee, come out without any negative votes, and I think we had a real good hearing on it, and it does not mandate any county to do this. And with that, I would urge the adoption of the Hillman amendment.